

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.1221 of 2007

Dated:23.01.2007

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Between:

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Ch.Purnachandra Rao, and others.

...Petitioners

and

The Commissioner of Endowments, and others.

...Respondents

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ORDER:

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The first petitioner claims to be former Secretary of Sri Lakshmi Padmavathi Sametha Sri Venkateswara Swamy Viswa Shanthi Devasthanam at Gorantla Village of Guntur District. Other members also claim to be former Secretaries of the Temple Committees vitally interested in the welfare of the Institution. The second respondent herein issued proceedings, dated 27.03.2006, appointing Sri P.Rama Koteswara Rao as a single Trustee for the subject Temple. Aggrieved by the same, the third respondent, who is allegedly Secretary of the Temple, preferred a revision petition before the first respondent under Section 92 of the Andhra Pradesh Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987. By order, dated 10.04.2006, the first respondent stayed the proceedings of the second respondent. Having come to know about this, the petitioners filed an implead petition on 21.09.2006. No orders are passed thereon, and therefore, they filed the present Writ Petition challenging the proceedings of the first respondent dated 10.04.2006.

The Assistant Commissioner appointed Sri P.Rama Koteswara Rao as a single Trustee. By reason of the stay orders granted by the first respondent, he could not have taken oath and discharge function. He did not file any revision petition, nor is a party to the Writ Petition. Curiously, the six persons claiming to be former Secretaries of the Temple Committees filed the present Writ Petition. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to go into the merits of the case. However, as the application for impleadment filed by the petitioners is pending, it would be better if the first respondent passes appropriate orders in the same. The first respondent may also dispose of the revision petition as

expeditiously as possible, preferably, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Except making such observations, no direction can be issued setting aside the impugned order.

The Writ Petition, with the above observations, is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

(V.V.S.RAO, J)

23.01.2007

Note: Issue C.C in one week.

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